Support to Struggle for Democracy in Burma

2675. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Burmese pro-democracy leaders and students had appealed for support from India in their struggle for restoration of democracy in Burma; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's sympathy and moral support for the democratic movement in Myanmar is well known. However, consistent with our well established policy we have refrained from any actions which may be construed as interference in Myanmar's internal affairs.

Refusal by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to Meet Indian Refugees from Afghanistan

2676. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the refusal by the United Nations Commissioner for refugees to meet the Indian refugees from Afghanistan for nearly six months, and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Government are aware that Afghan Nationals who have come to India in recent months have approached UNHCR seeking refugee status and that UNHCR is processing their requests. Government are of the view that all possible assistance is rendered to mitigate the hardships faced by these displaced Afghan nationals. This has been conveyed to UNHCR and to the Afghan Govt.

Attacks by Srilankan Navy on Indian Fishermen

2677. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news item which appeared in the Tamil Daily Dinamani, dated 2nd February, 1992 regarding the attack on Indian Fishermen by Srilankan Navy;

(b) whether Indian Navy and Coastal Guards are aware of this attack;

(c) whether the Sri Lankan Navy attacked a mechanised boat and the persons on board were thrown into the sea; and

(d) why Indian coastal guards were not able to protect Indian fishing boats from the attack by Srilankan Navy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) There is no news item regarding any attack on Indian Fishermen by Srilankan Navy in the Tamil Daily Dinamani, dated 2nd February, 1992.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Breach of Code of Conduct by An Indian Ambassador

2678. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact than an Acting Indian Ambassador to U.S.A. attended a Republican fund raising dinner on behalf of Bush-Quale'92 campaign in Fort Lauderdale, Florida hosted by an N.R.I. Cardiologist;

(b) if so, whether the envoy's action